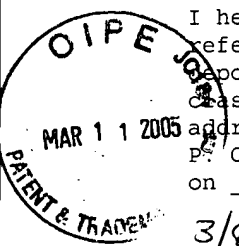


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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 1, 2004, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the above-identified patent application in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.

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